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Representative Hebl Admonishes Republicans For Irresponsible Decision

Republicans Will Hire Lawyers to Defend their Redistricting Plan

(MADISON) – Rep. Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) today released the following statement in response to Republicans in the legislature deciding to hire an attorney to defend their district maps.

"It is incredible that Republicans continue to try to defend their unconstitutional gerrymander," Hebl said. "They are the party that reins in spending across the board, but continually shell out exorbitant amounts of money to try to salvage their partisan redistricting plan. It's irresponsible, it's careless, and it's insulting to Wisconsin's taxpayers who continue to foot the bill so that Republicans can try to maintain their unlawful grip on Wisconsin politics."

A court ruled in November that the district lines drawn by Republicans "intended to burden the representational rights of Democratic voters." Despite continued losses in court, and millions of dollars already spent in fruitless litigation, Republicans have shown that when it comes to political power in the state, no price is too high for taxpayers to pay.

"Republicans are giving a blank check to two separate law firms to take this case," Hebl continued. "There is literally no price they won't pay to try keep power in this state. We have seen again and again that the top priority for Republicans is not governing- it is maintaining their power. At some point they will have to come to terms with the fact that their job is to help the people of Wisconsin, not to keep getting re-elected."